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HERE COMES...

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**KA-ZAR
LIVES
AGAIN!**



"SIGHTLESS, IN A SAVAGE LAND!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

"SIGHTLESS, IN A SAVAGE LAND!"

I'M LEAVING...
PERHAPS FOREVER...
THE TWO PEOPLE
WHO MATTER
MOST TO ME IN
ALL THE WORLD!
AND YET, I'VE NO
OTHER CHOICE!
WITHOUT **ME**
THEY'LL BE FREE
TO FOLLOW
THEIR HEARTS!

A MARVEL LANDMARK ISSUE!

IN WHICH **DAREDEVIL** ATTAINS THE TOWER-
ING HEIGHTS OF GREATNESS HE WAS BORN
TO ACHIEVE!

**NELSON AND MURDOCK
ATTORNEYS**

HE WAS THE
BEST FRIEND A
MAN COULD HAVE!
BUT NOW...THERE'S
NOTHING TO COME
BETWEEN **KAREN**
AND MYSELF!

SPECIAL BULLPEN BULLETIN!!!

THIS ILLUSTRATION
WAS DESIGNED TO LULL
YOU INTO A FALSE
SENSE OF SECURITY!
IT MAY SEEM LIKE THE
START OF A TV SOAP
OPERA... BUT JUST
WAIT! YOU GET TO
PAGE THREE!!

FAREWELL, MATT... MY
DARLING! I SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN IT WAS HOPELESS
FROM THE START! THERE
WAS NEVER A PLACE
FOR ME IN YOUR
LIFE!

IF ONLY YOU COULD
HAVE **SEEN** ME...
SEEN THE **LOVELIGHT**
IN MY EYES! BUT, YOU
NEVER KNEW! AND, NOW,
IT'S TOO LATE... FOR
BOTH OF US!

STORY:
STAN LEE
LAYOUTS:
JACK KIRBY
LETTERING:
SAM ROSEN

... And **INTRODUCING:**
THE MATCHLESS ARTISTIC
WIZARDRY OF MARVEL'S
NEWEST, AND MOST EAGERLY-
AWAITED, ILLUSTRATOR...
THE INIMITABLE
JOHN ROMITA!

FOR A TIME, I ALMOST DARED TO HOPE... THAT KAREN MIGHT FEEL ABOUT **ME** AS I FELT ABOUT **HER**!

YET, THE EMOTION I MISTOOK FOR LOVE WAS MERELY **PITY**... PITY FOR A MAN WITHOUT SIGHT.

TAXI, MISTER?

BUT, I'LL NEVER GET HER OUT OF MY MIND IF I REMAIN IN THE CITY! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY... AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE!

A FELLA LIKE **YOU** OUGHTTA BE CAREFUL, STANDIN' SO CLOSE TO THE CURB, PAL!

YES... I SUPPOSE THAT WAS PRETTY CARELESS OF ME!

IF ONLY I DIDN'T HAVE TO CONTINUE THIS PRETENSE OF HELPLESSNESS! IF ONLY I COULD BE **MYSELF**... ALWAYS!

BUT, I CAN'T GO THROUGH LIFE AS A COSTUMED ADVENTURER! THE **LAW** IS MY FIRST LOVE! I CAN'T THROW ALL THOSE LONG YEARS OF **STUDY** DOWN THE DRAIN!

AN HOUR LATER, AFTER STOPPING AT A NEARBY **TRAVEL AGENCY**, MATT MURDOCK REACHES HIS APARTMENT...

IT WAS THE ONLY THING TO DO! AN **OCEAN CRUISE** TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD WILL HELP ME TO THINK... TO PLAN... TO **FORGET**!

I'LL SEND MY BAGS AHEAD OF ME TO THE SHIP, AND SPEND THE NEXT FEW HOURS WRAPPING UP MY PERSONAL AFFAIRS!

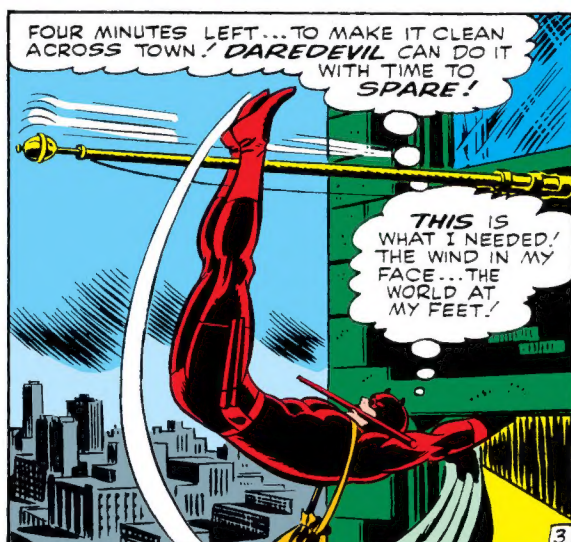
CUTAWAY VIEW OF MATT'S LOWER FLOOR... SHOWING HIS WORK-OUT AREA...

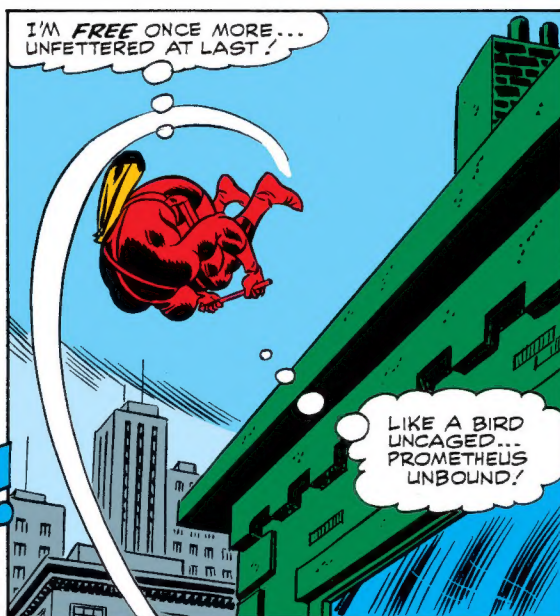
THEN, FOR THE FINAL FEW MINUTES, THE HEAVY-HEARTED ATTORNEY STANDS MOTIONLESS... ENVELOPED IN HIS HAUNTING THOUGHTS...

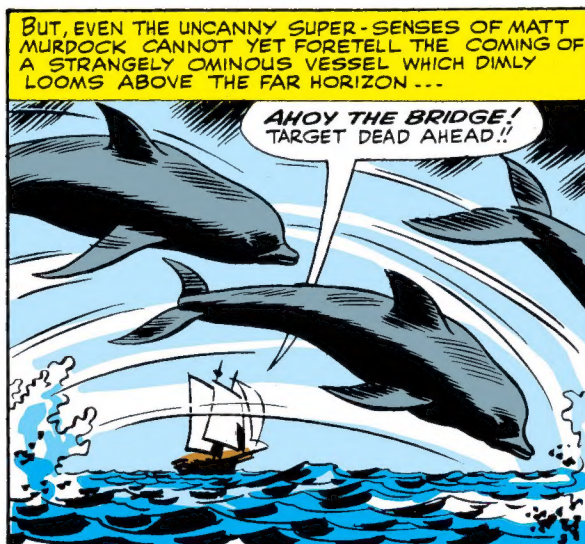
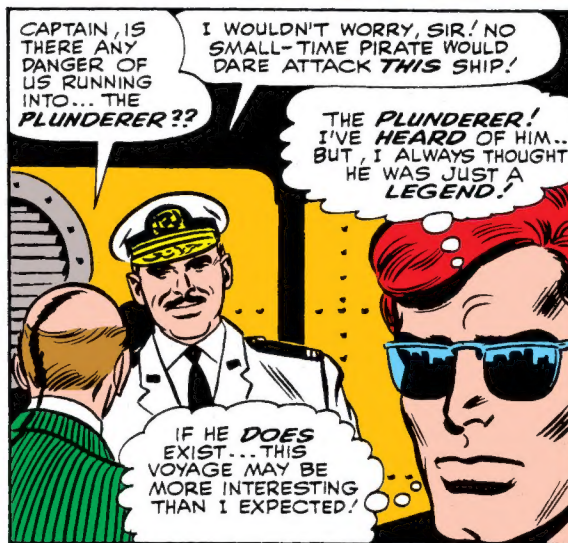
SO MANY MEMORIES TO BE LEAVING BEHIND! SO MANY REMEMBRANCES THAT WILL NEVER DIE...

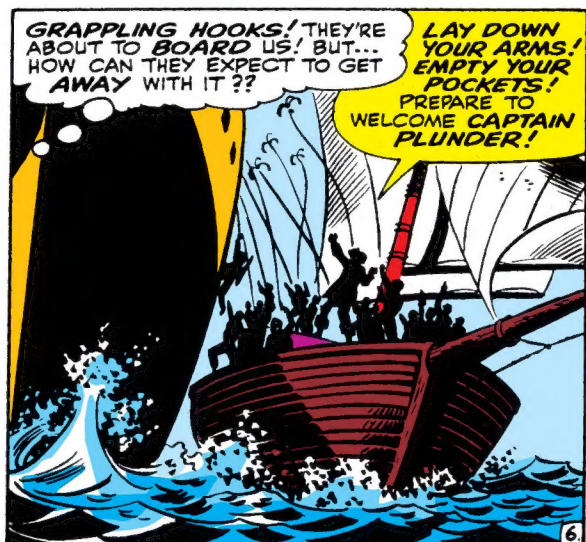
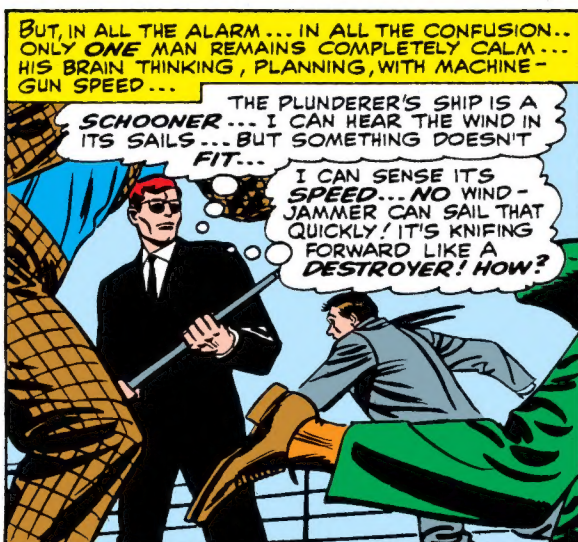
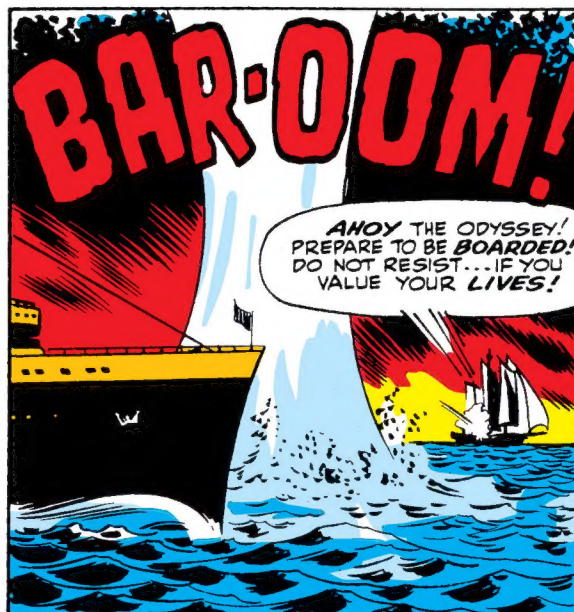
BUT THEN, AS HIS HYPER-SENSITIVE FINGERS TOUCH THE FACE OF HIS TICKING WATCH...

I'VE BEEN DAY-DREAMING TOO LONG! THE SHIP LEAVES IN **FIVE MINUTES**... AND THE PIER IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!





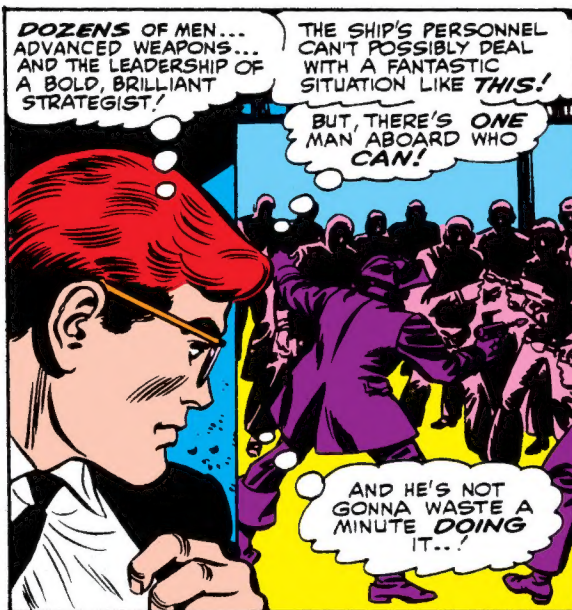






SURPRISED TO SEE **BLAST-RAY GUNS** RATHER THAN **BLUNDER-BUSSES**, MY HEARTIES?

OUR **PROFESSION** MAY BE AN ANCIENT ONE ... BUT REST ASSURED OUR **METHODS** ARE WORTHY OF THIS ENLIGHTENED **ATOMIC AGE!**



DOZENS OF MEN... ADVANCED WEAPONS... AND THE LEADERSHIP OF A **BOLD, BRILLIANT STRATEGIST!**

THE SHIP'S PERSONNEL CAN'T POSSIBLY DEAL WITH A FANTASTIC SITUATION LIKE **THIS!**

BUT, THERE'S **ONE MAN** ABOARD WHO **CAN!**

AND HE'S NOT GONNA WASTE A MINUTE **DOING IT...**



EXACTLY FIVE SECONDS LATER...

MAN FACING ME... GUN MUZZLE AIMED THIS WAY... FUNNEL DIRECTLY BEHIND HIM ...?

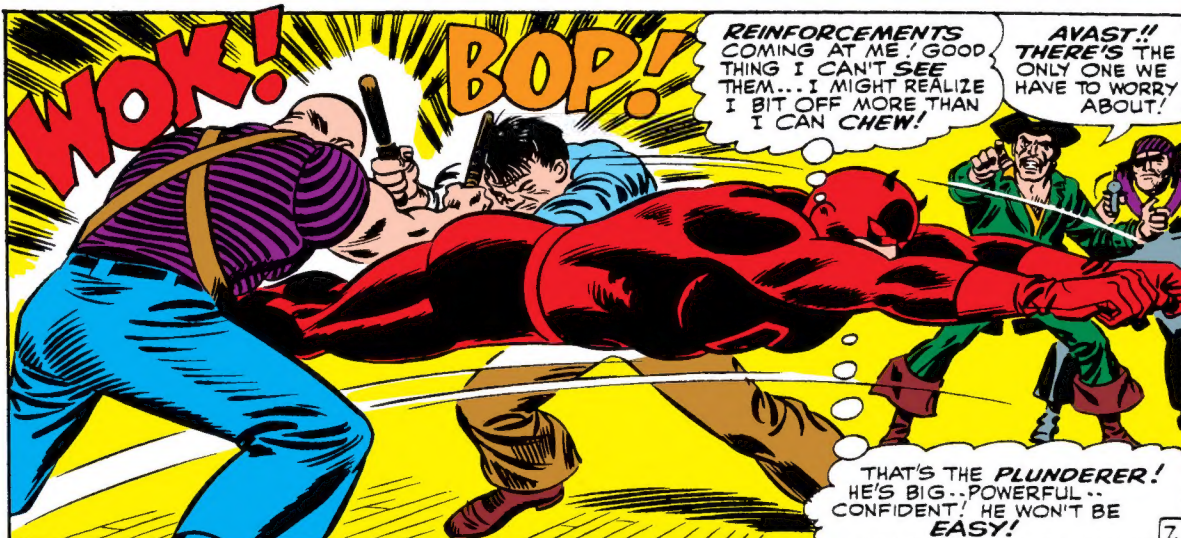
STOP WHERE YA ARE, MISTER... BEFORE I VENTILATE THAT NUTTY RED UNION SUIT!



THAT WAS A REAL IMPRESSIVE **SPEECH**, CAPTAIN BLIGH... BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR AN **ENCORE?!**

THWAK!

CLANG!



REINFORCEMENTS COMING AT ME! GOOD THING I CAN'T SEE THEM... I MIGHT REALIZE I BIT OFF MORE THAN I CAN **CHEW!**

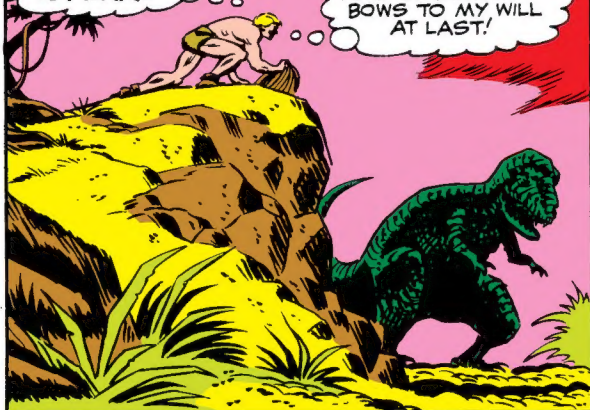
AVAST!! THERE'S THE ONLY ONE WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!

THAT'S THE **PLUNDERER!** HE'S BIG...POWERFUL... CONFIDENT! HE WON'T BE **EASY!**

BUT, IN ANOTHER PART OF THIS STRANGE AND WONDROUS PLANET OF OURS, AN EQUALLY FANTASTIC EVENT IS TAKING PLACE... AS A MIGHTY MONARCH OF A JUNGLE-THAT-TIME-FORGOT STALKS A HALF-GROWN **TYRANNOSAURUS REX**...

THIS TIME THE BIG-TAIL WILL NOT ESCAPE **KA-ZAR!**

MY MASTERY OF **ALL** WILL NEVER BE COMPLETE UNTIL THE KING OF LIZARDS BOWS TO MY WILL AT LAST!



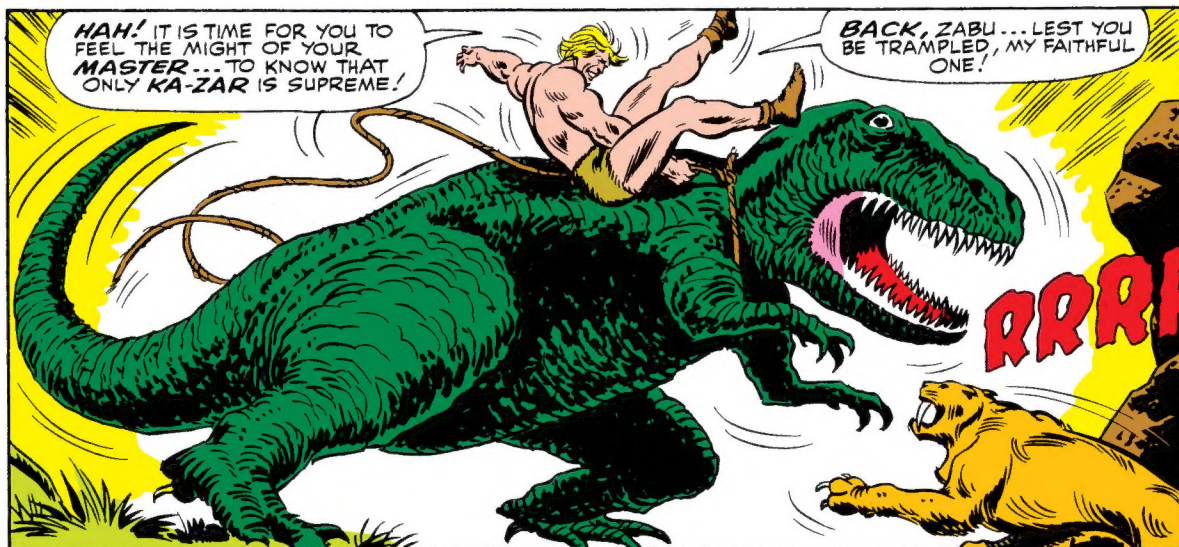
HE IS IN POSITION!
**NOW, ZABU...
NOW!**

GOOD!
HE IS
DIRECTLY
BENEATH
ME...



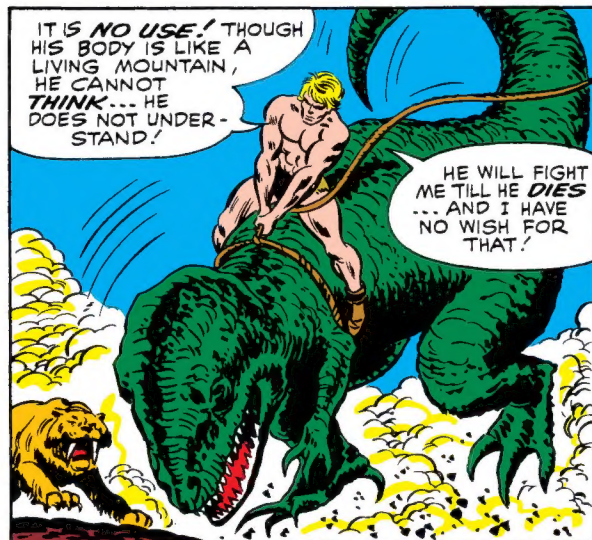
HAH! IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO FEEL THE MIGHT OF YOUR **MASTER**... TO KNOW THAT ONLY **KA-ZAR** IS SUPREME!

BACK, ZABU... LEST YOU BE TRAMPLED, MY FAITHFUL ONE!



IT IS **NO USE!** THOUGH HIS BODY IS LIKE A LIVING MOUNTAIN, HE CANNOT **THINK**... HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND!

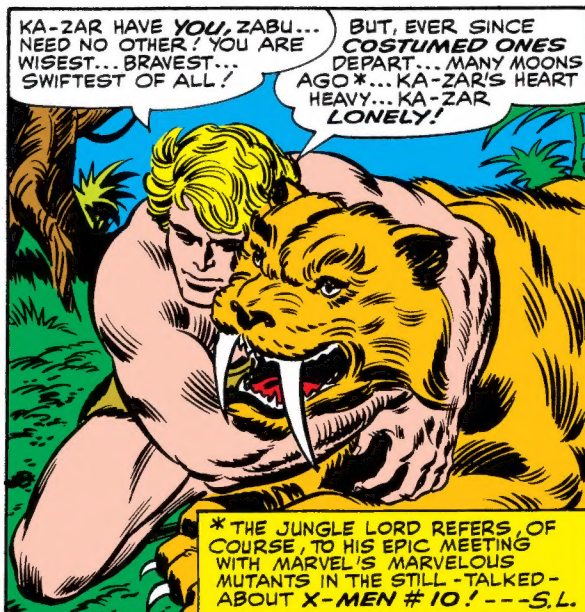
HE WILL FIGHT ME TILL HE **DIES**... AND I HAVE NO WISH FOR THAT!



GO THEN, BRAINLESS ONE! **HAVE** YOUR FREEDOM! ANY WHO CAN RESIST **KA-ZAR** DESERVE TO BE THEIR OWN MASTER!

BUT I SHALL NEVER STOP **TRYING!** FOR HE IS NAUGHT BUT **BEAST**... WHILE **KA-ZAR** IS... **MAN!**

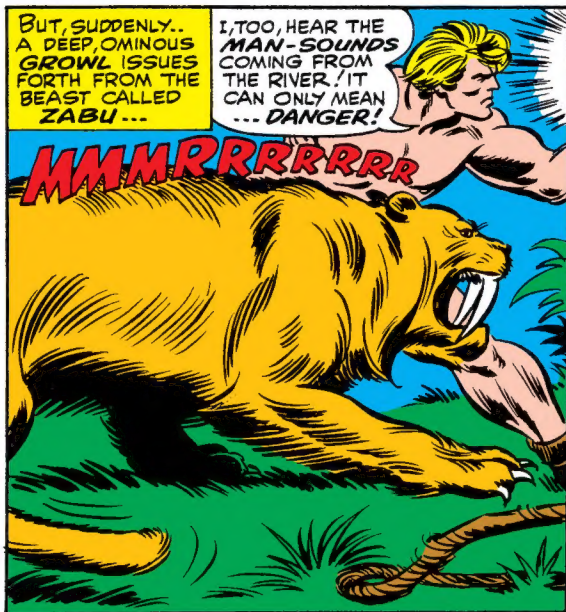




KA-ZAR HAVE **YOU**, ZABU... NEED NO OTHER! YOU ARE WISEST... BRAVEST... SWIFTEST OF ALL!

BUT, EVER SINCE **COSTUMED ONES** DEPART... MANY MOONS AGO *... KA-ZAR'S HEART HEAVY... KA-ZAR **LOVELY!**

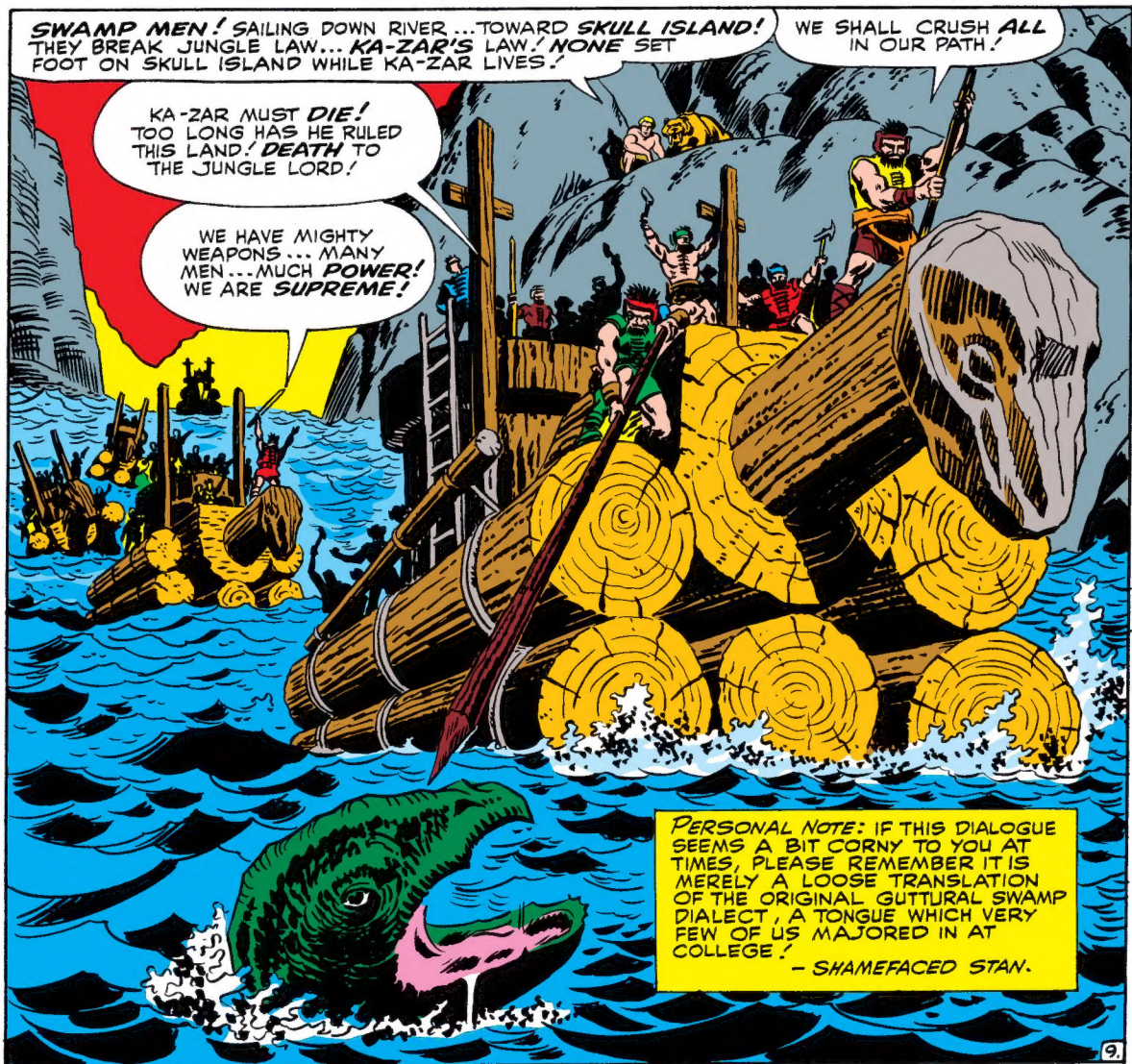
* THE JUNGLE LORD REFERS, OF COURSE, TO HIS EPIC MEETING WITH MARVEL'S MARVELOUS MUTANTS IN THE STILL-TALKED-ABOUT X-MEN # 10! ---S.L.



BUT, SUDDENLY.. A DEEP, OMINOUS **GROWL** ISSUES FORTH FROM THE BEAST CALLED **ZABU**...

I, TOO, HEAR THE **MAN-SOUNDS** COMING FROM THE RIVER! IT CAN ONLY MEAN ... **DANGER!**

MMRRRRRR



SWAMP MEN! SAILING DOWN RIVER... TOWARD **SKULL ISLAND!** THEY BREAK JUNGLE LAW... **KA-ZAR'S LAW!** NONE SET FOOT ON **SKULL ISLAND** WHILE **KA-ZAR** LIVES!

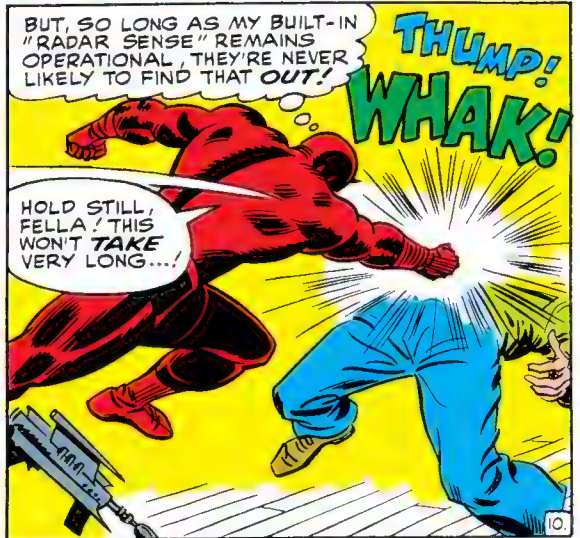
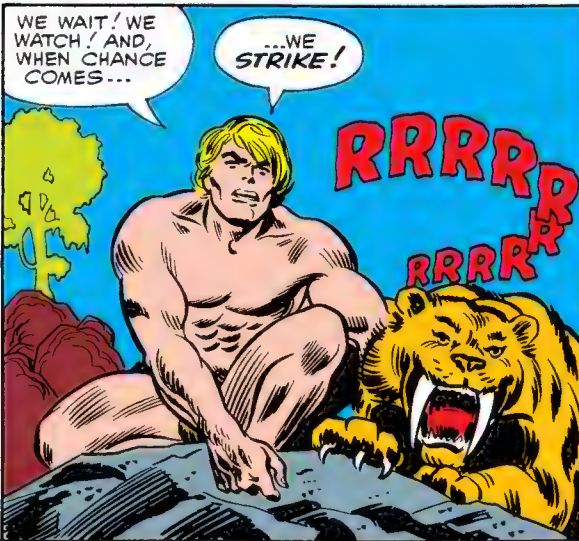
WE SHALL CRUSH ALL IN OUR PATH!

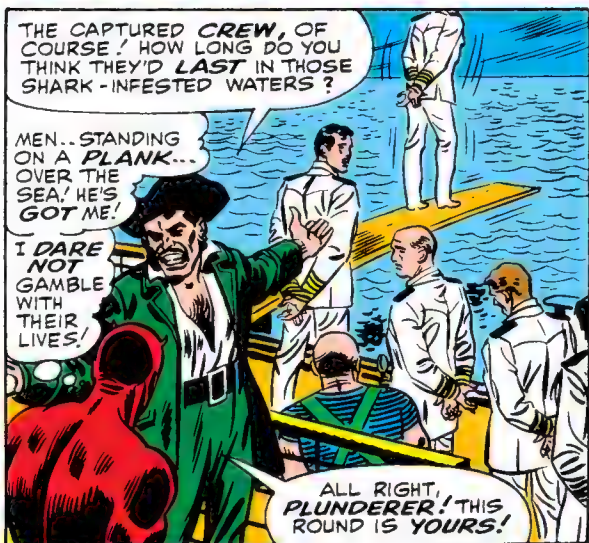
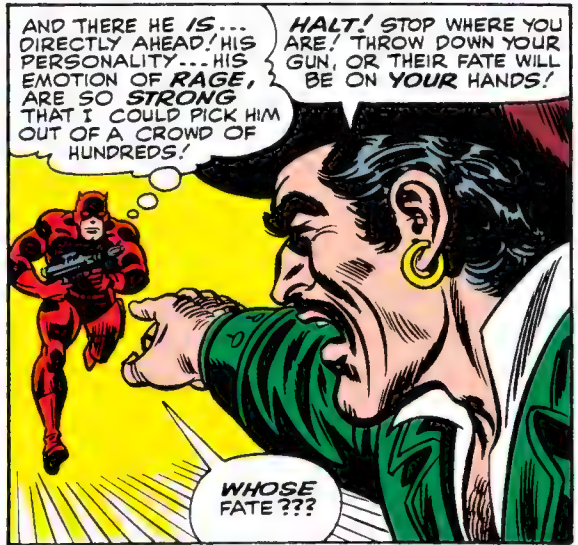
KA-ZAR MUST **DIE!** TOO LONG HAS HE RULED THIS LAND! **DEATH** TO THE JUNGLE LORD!

WE HAVE MIGHTY WEAPONS... MANY MEN... MUCH **POWER!** WE ARE **SUPREME!**

PERSONAL NOTE: IF THIS DIALOGUE SEEMS A BIT CORNY TO YOU AT TIMES, PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS MERELY A LOOSE TRANSLATION OF THE ORIGINAL GUTTURAL SWAMP DIALECT, A TONGUE WHICH VERY FEW OF US MAJORED IN AT COLLEGE.

- SHAMEFACED STAN.





MOMENTS LATER, THE PIRATE SHIP DEPARTS... WITH A SINGLE, COSTUMED HOSTAGE...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! AFTER ALL YOUR FIGHTING... ALL THE RISK... YOU'VE STOLEN NOTHING FROM THE ODYSSEY!

WHAT WAS THERE TO STEAL? MONEY? I POSSESS MORE THAN MAN CAN EVER SPEND! NAY, I FOUND THE GREATEST PRIZE OF ALL...

I FOUND A MAN OF SPIRIT... AND SKILL! A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART...

YOU THINK I WOULD JOIN A PIRATE BAND?!! THINK AGAIN, PLUNDERER!

AHH, BUT SURELY YOU HAVE GUESSED BY NOW THAT I COMMAND NO ORDINARY COMPANY OF FREEBOOTERS!

MY VESSEL MAY LOOK LIKE A SIMPLE SCHOONER, BUT SHE POSSESSES SECRET POWERS BEYOND THOSE OF ANY CRAFT THAT PLIES THE SEVEN SEAS!

SHE HAS A BRAIN OF HER OWN... WHICH I HAVE GIVEN HER... AS WELL AS HIDDEN STEEL LIMBS!

THE SOUND OF HIGHLY COMPLEX COMPUTERS... ELECTRONICALLY ACTIVATED CONTROLS...

I AM NO SIMPLE, MEALY-MOUTHED PIRATE! I WAS BORN LORD PARNIVAL PLUNDER, A NOBLE-MAN WITH RANK, AND TITLE, AND LANDED ESTATES!

BUT THE CALL OF THE SEA WAS IN MY BLOOD, AS WAS THE ENGINEERING GENIUS I INHERITED FROM MY FATHER BEFORE ME!

AND NOW, YOU SHALL SEE STAGGERING EVIDENCE OF THAT GENIUS...

ACTIVATE THE STEEL STRESS HULL, YOU BUMBLING BILGE-RAT!

AYE AYE, CAP'N!

THEN, AT THE MEREST PRESS OF A BUTTON, THE BILLINGWING SAILS AUTOMATICALLY FURL AROUND THE TOWERING MASTS, LIKE GIGANTIC WINDOW SHADES SUDDENLY ROLLING UP! AND THEN...

IT'S ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF! NOW THE MASTS THEMSELVES ARE FOLDING DOWN TO THE DECKS...

SURPRISED, MY MASKED HEARTY? WAIT! THERE IS STILL GREATER WONDERMENT TO COME...

LIKE SOME INCREDIBLE FIGMENT OF A SCIENCE WRITER'S UNBRIDLED IMAGINATION, A SLOWLY RISING HULL OF SOLID STEEL SMOOTHLY AND SILENTLY BEGINS TO ENVELOP THE ENTIRE SHIP...

THE WOODEN SAILING SCHOONER WAS A SHAM... A FAKE! THE REAL VESSEL WHICH THE PLUNDERER COMMANDS IS BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE!

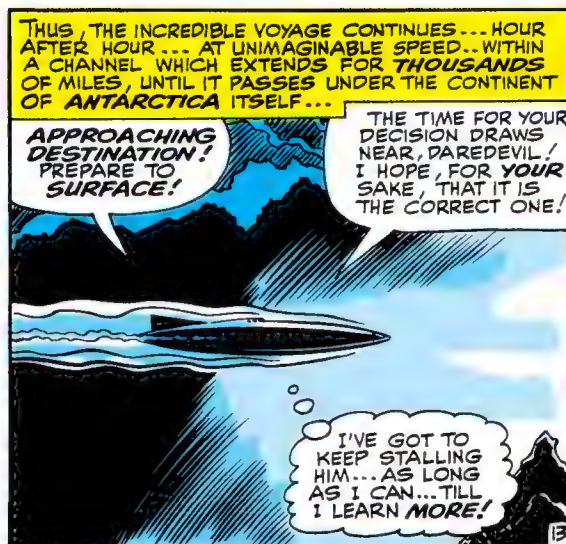
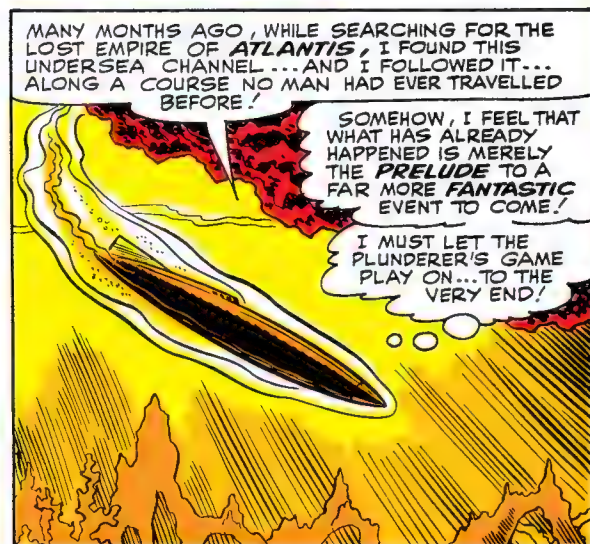
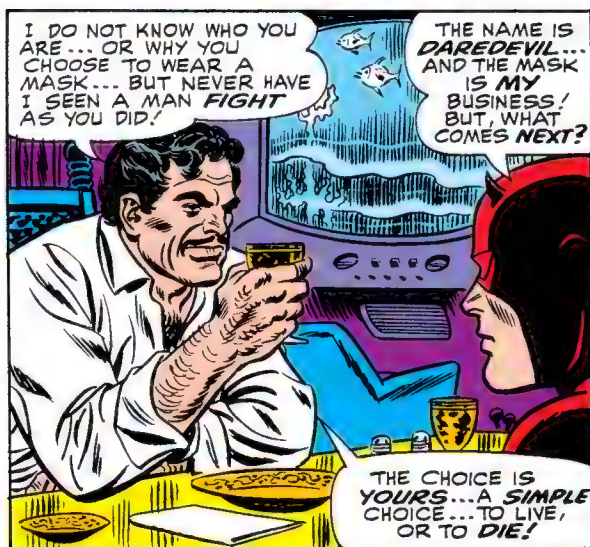
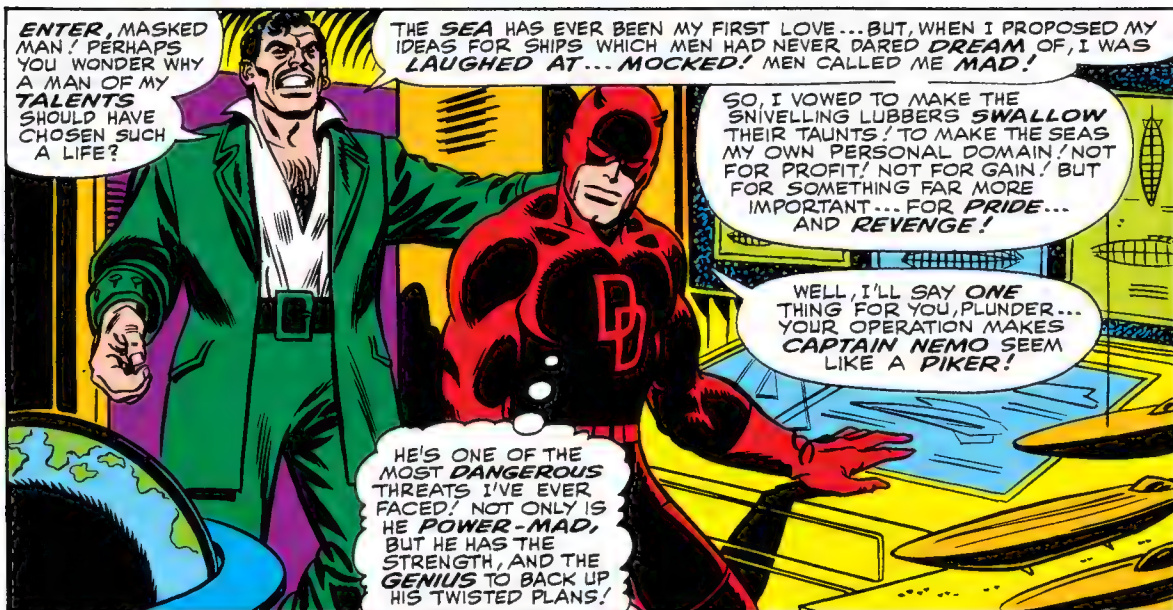
PREPARE TO SUBMERGE!!

SUBMERGE?? IS IT POSSIBLE?!!

WITHIN A MERE 160 SECONDS, IN PLACE OF THE ANCIENT NAUTICAL RELIC OF A BYGONE DAY, THE MOST MODERN UNDERSEA CRAFT OF ALL TIME, NOISELESSLY KNIFES TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA...

DESCEND TO ONE THOUSAND FEET. THEN STEADY AS SHE GOES!

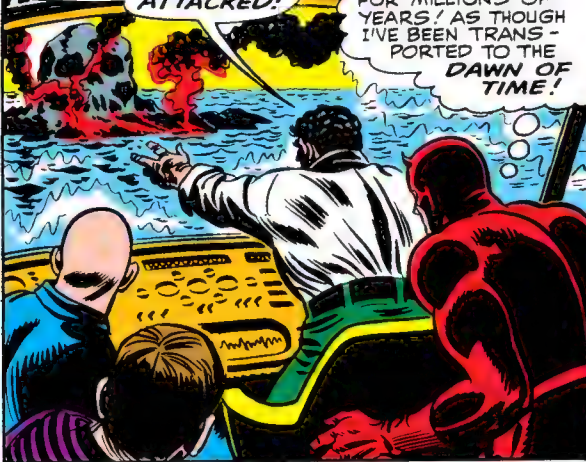
HE TOLD THE TRUTH! HE'S AN ENGINEERING WIZARD! BUT WHY DOES HE RESORT TO... PIRACY?!!



BUT, NO SOONER DOES THE AMAZING CRAFT EMERGE, THAN ALL THOUGHT OF DAREDEVIL'S CHOICE IS SWEEPED FROM THE PLUNDERER'S MIND BY...

SKULL ISLAND IS IN FLAMES! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED! IT'S BEEN ATTACKED!

I SENSE VEGETATION... SUCH AS EARTH HAS NEVER KNOWN FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS! AS THOUGH I'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO THE DAWN OF TIME!



IT'S THE SCURVY SWAMP MEN! THEY DID IT! THOSE BRAINLESS SAVAGES DARED TO ATTACK MY REALM!

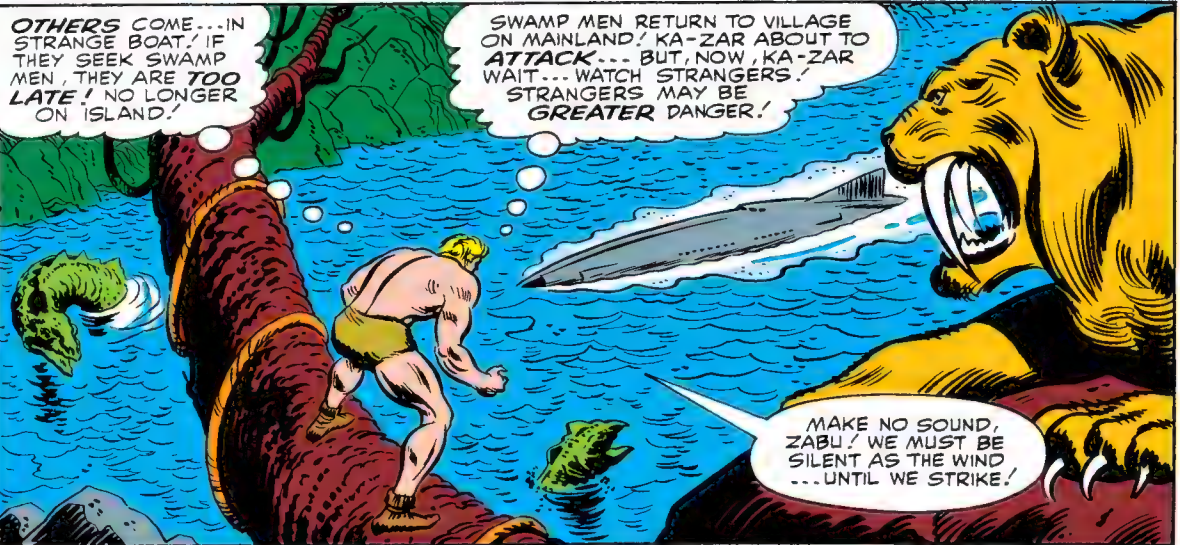
MAKE FOR THE ISLAND! FULL SPEED AHEAD! THEY'LL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO CHALLENGE THE POWER OF CAPTAIN PLUNDER!

SKULL ISLAND! SWAMP MEN!! THE SOUNDS AND SMELLS OF A PRE-HISTORIC AGE!! WHAT UNBELIEVABLE MYSTERY HAVE I STUMBLER ONTO ??



OTHERS COME...IN STRANGE BOAT! IF THEY SEEK SWAMP MEN, THEY ARE TOO LATE! NO LONGER ON ISLAND!

SWAMP MEN RETURN TO VILLAGE ON MAINLAND! KA-ZAR ABOUT TO ATTACK... BUT, NOW, KA-ZAR WAIT... WATCH STRANGERS! STRANGERS MAY BE GREATER DANGER!



MAKE NO SOUND, ZABU! WE MUST BE SILENT AS THE WIND...UNTIL WE STRIKE!

IN A WAY, WHATEVER HAS HAPPENED HERE IS LUCKY FOR ME! IN HIS EXCITEMENT, PLUNDER'S FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY DECISION!

GET THOSE SUPPLIES ASHORE! MOVE, YOU LAZY LUBBERS!

WE'LL TRACK THOSE SAVAGES DOWN NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE... AND WE'LL WIPE THEM OFF THE MAP!

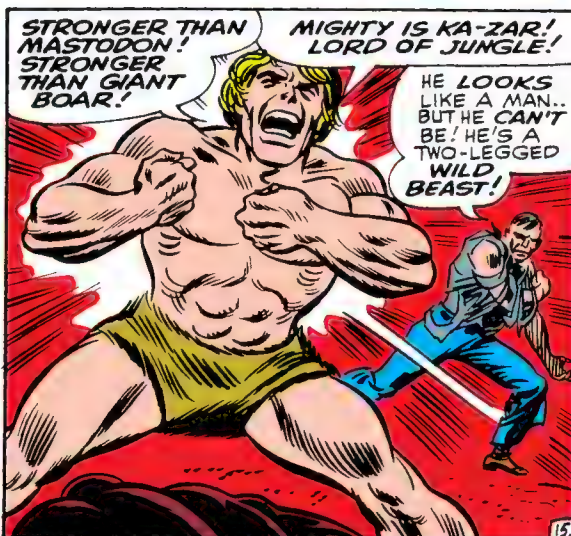
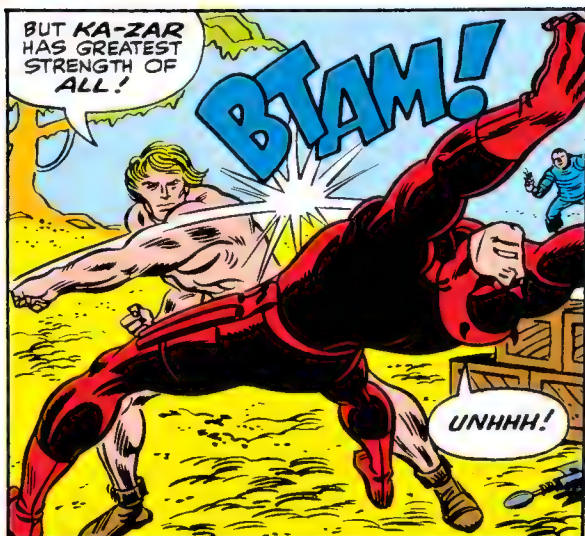
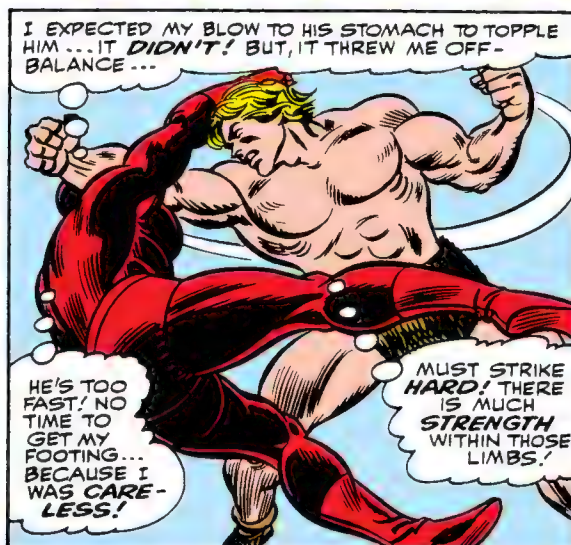
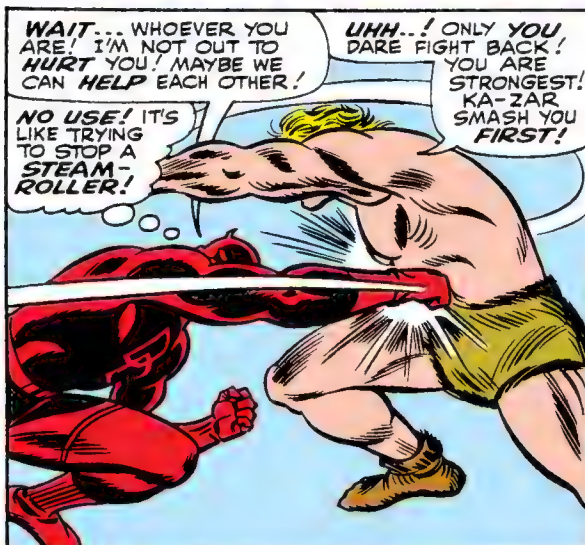
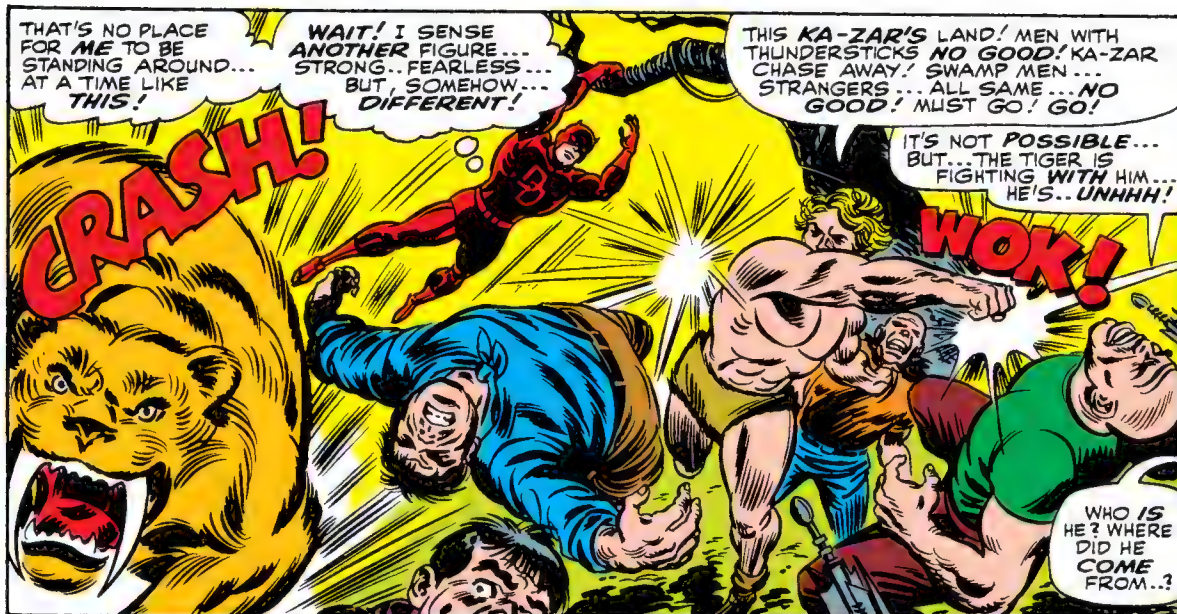


BUT, NO SOONER ARE THE BUCCANEERS ALL ASHORE, AND ASSEMBLED IN ONE AREA, WHEN...

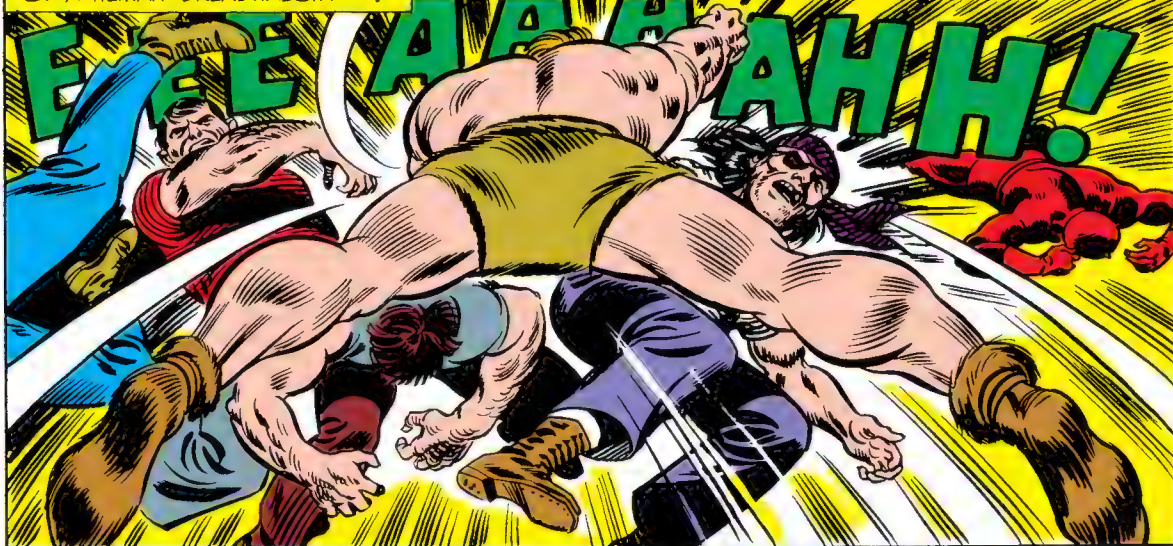


A TIGER!!

MORE THAN A TIGER! ITS SIZE...ITS SPEED.. IT'S A GIANT!



THEN, AS THE SIGHTLESS CRUSADER LIES MOTIONLESS ON THE GROUND... A MUTE TESTAMENT TO KA-ZAR'S THUNDERING STRENGTH... THE JUNGLE LORD HURLS HIMSELF INTO THE PANICKY PIRATES WITH THE FORCE OF A HUMAN DREADNAUGHT...



AND, ANY HAPLESS BUCCANEERS WHOM KA-ZAR MISSES ARE FORCED TO FACE THE ROARING RAGE OF ZABU!!



RATHER THE WRATH OF THE PLUNDERER THAN THE FANGS OF ZABU!

BACK, YOU SPINELESS SEA-DOGS! STAND YOUR GROUND, OR YOU'LL ANSWER TO ME!

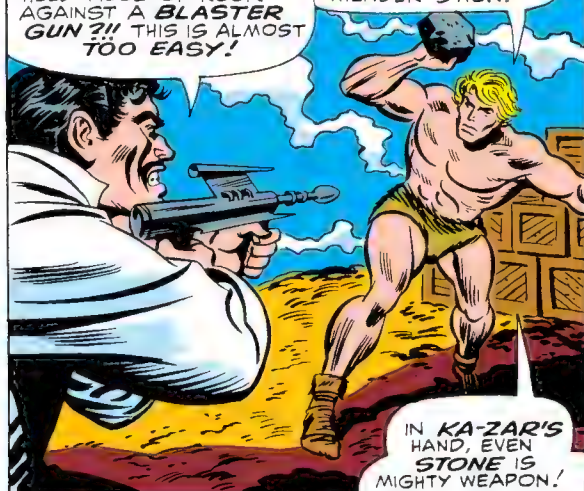
LOOK AT THEM RUN... LIKE WHIPPED CURS! WELL, I'LL STOP THAT BRAINLESS SAVAGE!

NO ONE CAN OUT-FIGHT CAPTAIN PLUNDER!



A STONE ??? A HAND-HELD PIECE OF ROCK AGAINST A BLASTER GUN ??? THIS IS ALMOST TOO EASY!

KA-ZAR FEARS NO THUNDER STICK!



IN KA-ZAR'S HAND, EVEN STONE IS MIGHTY WEAPON!

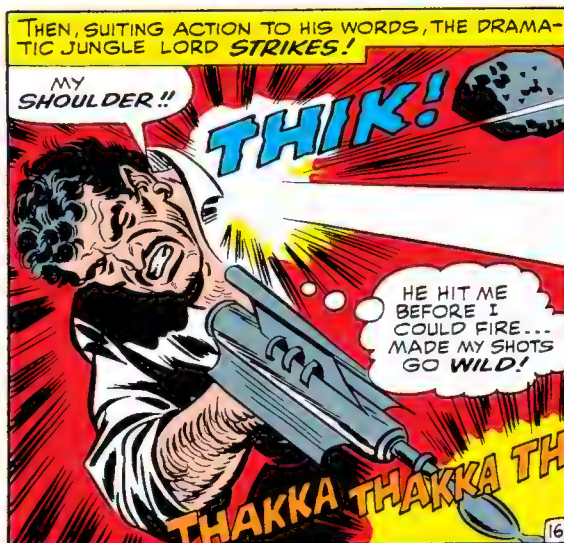
THEN, SUITING ACTION TO HIS WORDS, THE DRAMATIC JUNGLE LORD STRIKES!

MY SHOULDER!!

THIK!

HE HIT ME BEFORE I COULD FIRE... MADE MY SHOTS GO WILD!

THAKKA THAKKA TH



RICOCHETING WILDLY THROUGH THE CLEARING, THE STEEL-JACKETED SHELLS SUDDENLY STRIKE THE PLUNDERER'S CACHE OF **EXPLOSIVES**... AND THEN...



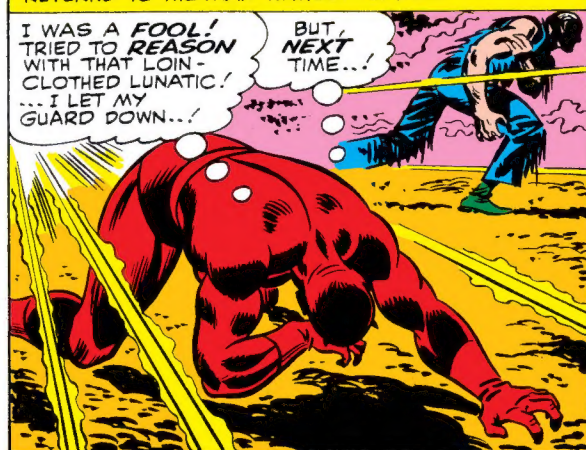
ALL THOUGHT OF PERSONAL COMBAT IS INSTANTLY FORGOTTEN, AS THE DEADLY BULLETS, GRENADES, AND SHRAPNEL FLY IN ALL DIRECTIONS, MENACING ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT LIVES...



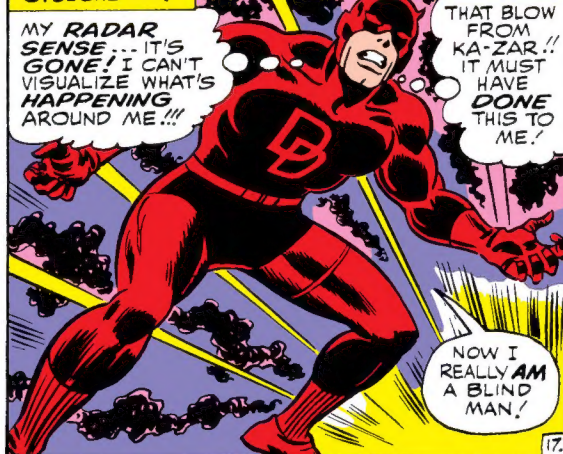
EACH EXPLOSION LEADS TO A STILL **BIGGER** ONE, AS THE DREAD HOLOCAUST CONTINUES UNABATED...



BUT, AS THE SHELLS CONTINUE TO PEPPER THE AIR ALL ABOUT HIM, **DAREDEVIL** SLOWLY STARTS TO STAGGER TO HIS FEET, AS CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS TO THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR...



THEN, AS THE SIGHTLESS ADVENTURER TOTTERINGLY STANDS ERECT, THE MOST STARTLING REVELATION OF ALL STRIKES HIM WITH THE IMPACT OF A CYCLONE...



WITHOUT HIS LIFE-SAVING **RADAR SENSE**, THE SIGHTLESS ADVENTURER FINDS HIMSELF UNCERTAIN, CONFUSED, GROPING HELPLESSLY ABOUT IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS, UNTIL ...

SHELLS... FLYING ALL AROUND ME! DANGER EVERYWHERE...!

WHAT CAN I...?? **UHHH!** TOO LATE FOR **ANYTHING!!** I-I'M **HIT!!**



THEN, AS THE EXPLOSIONS FINALLY DIMINISH, THE ENSUING FINGERS OF FLAME CRAWL EVER CLOSER TO THE LEAN, WOUNDED FIGURE LYING MOTIONLESS UPON THE GROUND ...

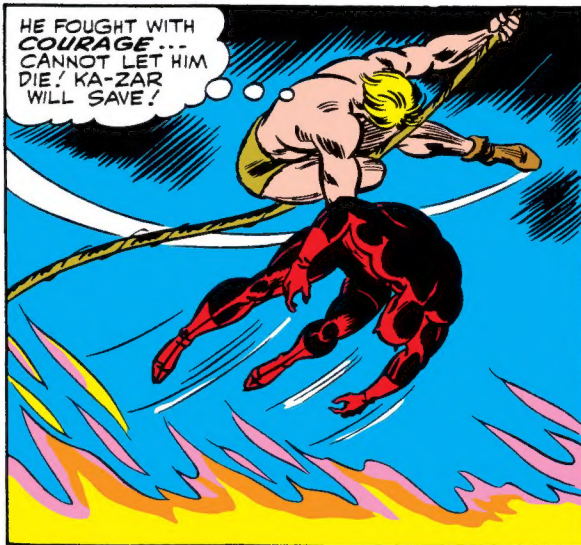
THE COSTUMED ONE... HURT! REMINDS KA-ZAR OF **OTHER** COSTUMED ONES ... *

THEY TRIED TO **HELP** KA-ZAR! NOT **EVIL!** PERHAPS **HE** IS ONE OF THEM?



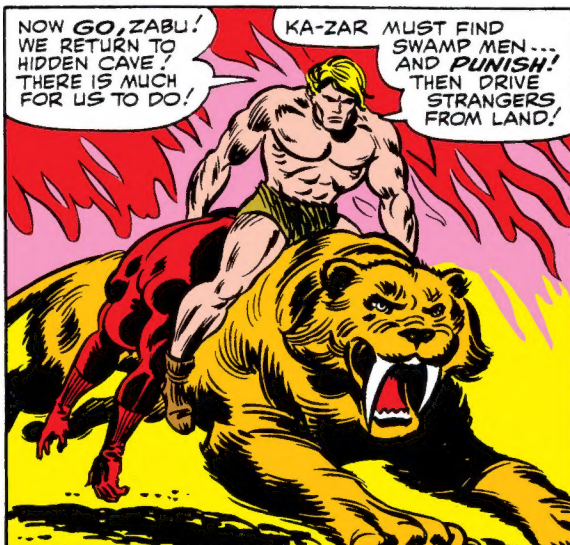
* THE SAME **X-MEN** WE MENTIONED BEFORE!
--- STAN

HE FOUGHT WITH **COURAGE**... CANNOT LET HIM **DIE!** KA-ZAR WILL **SAVE!**



NOW **GO, ZABU!** WE RETURN TO **HIDDEN CAVE!** THERE IS MUCH FOR US TO DO!

KA-ZAR MUST FIND **SWAMP MEN...** AND **PUNISH!** THEN **DRIVE STRANGERS** FROM **LAND!**



THIS IS **KA-ZAR!** WORLD! THE **JUNGLE** IS KA-ZAR'S! THE **LAW** IS KA-ZAR'S!

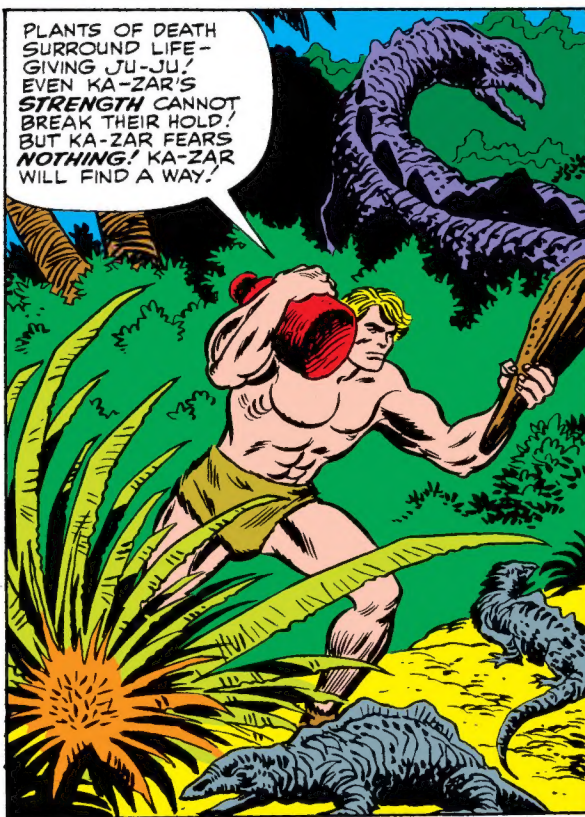
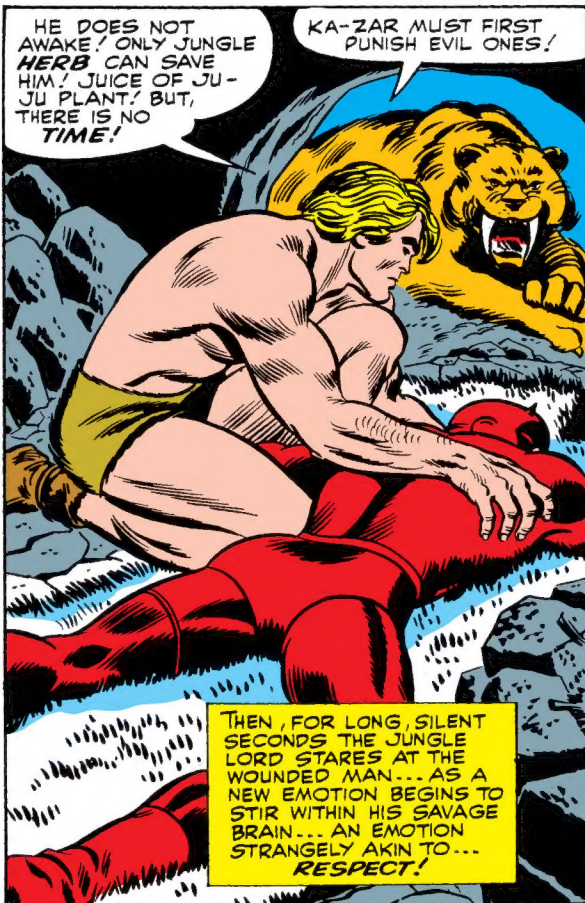
IT MUST NEVER **CHANGE!**



YOU **WAIT, ZABU!** **GUARD CAVE!** KA-ZAR GO **INSIDE!**

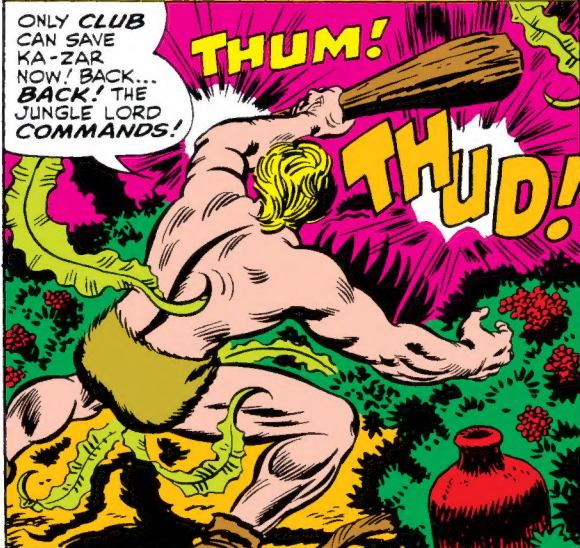
THE **BRAVE** ONE HAS **GREAT HURT!** HE IS **NEAR THE LONG SLEEP!**





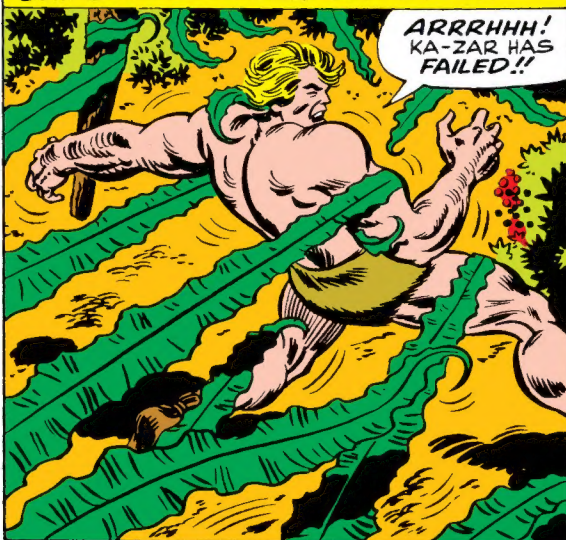
BUT, THOUGH HIS SPEED IS THE SPEED OF A JUNGLE BEAST, THE FANTASTIC PLANT MOVES EVEN **FASTER**...

ONLY **CLUB** CAN SAVE KA-ZAR NOW! **BACK... BACK!** THE JUNGLE LORD COMMANDS!



THOUGH HE FIGHTS WITH INDESCRIBABLE FURY, A **SECOND** GRASPING PLANT REACHES OUT FROM **BEHIND** HIM WITH TENDRILS LIKE IRON VISES...!

ARRRRHHH! KA-ZAR HAS FAILED!!



THEN, AS THE TWISTING, CLUTCHING TENDRILS DRAW EVER TIGHTER AROUND THE BODY OF THEIR VICTIM, A SHRILL, EAR-SPLITTING **CRY** RINGS OUT FROM KA-ZAR'S LIPS...!



...A CRY WHICH REVERBERATES THROUGH THE TEEMING, TORRID JUNGLE, UNTIL IT REACHES THE EARS OF... **ZABU!**

AND, WITH AN ANSWERING ROAR OF BESTIAL DEFIANCE, THE MIGHTY **SABER-TOOTH** SPRINGS FROM THE HIDDEN CAVE...!



... AS THE INJURED MAN WITHIN CONTINUES TO LIE STILL AND HELPLESS ...



... UNAWARE OF THE HUGE, APE-LIKE **SHADOW**, THAT FALLS ACROSS THE MOUTH OF THE DANK, MUSTY CAVERN ...



... THE SHADOW OF **MAA-GOR**, LAST OF THE DEADLY APE MEN TRIBE ...!



WE'VE COOKED UP SOME OF THE MOST STARTLING SURPRISES OF THE SEASON FOR YOU NEXT ISH! GET HERE EARLY... IT'S GONNA BE A **BOMBSHELL!** 'NUFF SAID! 20